

Peer Review Comments and Evaluation Form for Research Proposals in Yellowstone National Park

PROJECT TITLE: _____

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: _____

EVALUATOR: _____

For each category, please indicate a numerical rating of 1 to 5, with 1 being “unacceptable”, and 5 being “fully acceptable”. Because the principal investigator deserves to know the weaknesses and strengths of his/her proposal, we ask that reviewers make specific, constructive comments in each major category. Please continue comments on additional pages if necessary.

A. Statement of Objectives and Hypotheses

Clear, well-defined and developed objectives and hypotheses are critical. Please evaluate the proposal on the clarity of the objectives and hypotheses. How might this section be improved? What factor(s) detracted from this proposal? If a low score is assigned, please provide an explanation.

RATING (1-5): _____

B. Study Design

Please evaluate the study design with regard to its ability to address the objectives and hypotheses. Include appropriateness of the sampling or survey methods and techniques, data analysis techniques, logistics, and innovation in addressing the stated problem. How might the study design be improved? What factor(s) detracted from this proposal? If a low score is assigned, please provide an explanation.

RATING (1-5): _____

C. Management Potential

Evaluate the ability of this project proposal to contribute to park management and resource conservation. Will the proposal complement other recently completed or on going studies? If a low score is assigned, please provide an explanation.

RATING (1-5): _____

D. Publication Potential

Projects should contribute to scientific knowledge. Will this project result in publishable conclusions? If a low score is assigned, please provide an explanation.

RATING (1-5): _____

E. Personnel

Evaluate the project personnel, the applicability of their professional training, and the potential productivity of the project investigators.

RATING (1-5): _____

Overall Evaluation and Additional Comments

Please discuss the proposal's other strengths and weaknesses. Please make specific, constructive suggestions as to how weaknesses may be strengthened. Give this proposal an overall rating.

SUMMARY RATING (1-5): _____